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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 5949**  
Eiichi HATAE et al. : Docket No. 2001\_0749A  
Serial No. 09/880,040 : Group Art Unit 2616  
Filed June 14, 2001 : Examiner James A. Fletcher

REMAINING RECORDABLE TIME  
CALCULATION APPARATUS THAT  
CONVERTS AMOUNT OF FREE AREA OF  
RECORDING MEDIUM INTO TIME

**RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
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Sir:

In response to the species election requirement contained in item 2 on page 2 of the Office Action, the Applicants hereby elect Species II as illustrated in Figures 6-11. Claims 7-13 read on the elected species.

Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits of the elected species is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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